

VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to System Summary for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

1.3 Disclaimers

1.3.1 Software Disclaimers

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1.4 Project References

1.4.1 Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » IVC Program Office Redacted
- » TeleHealth & Scheduling Technical Director Redacted
- » IVC Emerging Technologies Acting Legacy Program Manager Redacted

VistA Scheduling (VSE) Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: Redacted
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom): https://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=100
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: Redacted



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2 System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.42.0, which includes VS GUI 1.7.42.0 and VistA patch SD*5.3*844. At time of publishing, install period is projected for June 2023.

VS GUI Release 1.7.42.0 includes multiple user-facing updates as well as back-end modifications. A major enhancement includes new logic to account for VA loaned devices. Additionally, an issue around block and move and drag and drop has been addressed. Finally, the resend appointment link for creating video visits is now being sent to the provider. The back-end updates include Remote Procedure Call (RPC) modifications along with new RPCs created to support future functionality.



3 Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.42.0

3.1 Updates VS GUI to Account for VA Loaned Devices

As of this release, a new checkbox field called "Use VA Device" has been added in the Create Video Visit window to identify if the patient in context has a VA loaned device.

- If a patient has a VA loaned device the box will be checked. However, the user will be able to uncheck the box if the patient confirms they do not wish to use the VA loaned device.
 - Email and Preferred Phone will not be required when the Use VA Device box is checked, but these fields will remain editable.

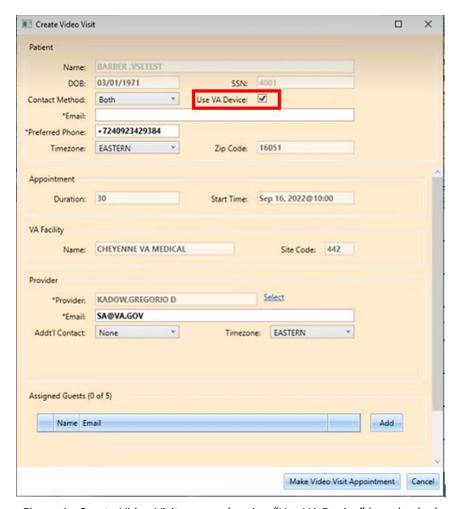


Figure 1: Create Video Visit screen showing "Use VA Device" box checked.

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 If the patient does not have a VA loaned device, the checkbox will be greyed out and disabled. Email and Preferred Phone will be required in this instance.

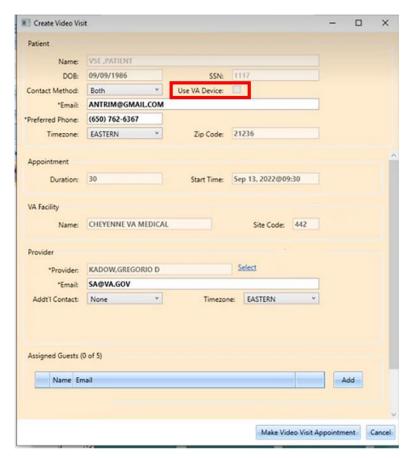


Figure 2: Create Video Visit screen showing "Use VA Device" box unchecked.